

27 August 2018

VISITORS' DAY

every Wednesday  
at 08:30

CURRO  
Thatchfield

## Campus News

Dear Curro Parents/Guardians

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### 1. FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

Term 3 is off to a great start, and already we find ourselves at the halfway mark of this term. As usual, the term is very busy with a host of activities offered in the sporting and cultural spheres. The sporting highlight is most definitely our 4<sup>th</sup> Inter-Curro Soccer Festival on 25 August and the number of learners taking part in the Centurion Arts Festival marks the Cultural highlight for this term. We are looking forward to favourable results and want to thank our learners, staff and parents in advance for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Learners' progress this term will be made up of **class assessments** and the writing of **cycle tests**. I appeal to all our learners to put in that extra effort during this term and close the gaps identified in the June examinations. Learners are reminded of the extra support offered by teachers and are encouraged to attend LAD (learner assistance/enrichment days). During these times, learners may make appointments with their teachers to go over work they are struggling with, or if they want to improve on academic results. To our matric learners and teachers: the pressure is most certainly on to complete all tasks before the preliminary examinations which start on Monday, 27 August. We wish them the best of luck for these exams. We would like to stress the importance of this process. Being well prepared now, will stand you in good stead for the final examinations.

***'Don't be fooled by the calendar. There are only as many days in the year as you make use of. One man gets only a week's value out of a year, while another man gets a full year's value out of a week.'*** Charles Richards

Our community is recognising that Curro Thatchfield is fast becoming 'The School of Choice' and our projected and confirmed growth numbers are very pleasing. You are once again requested to please inform the finance office should your child **not be returning to the school** in 2019. This should be done

by no later than 31 August 2018. Kindly note that if your **child is currently in Grade 7** at Curro Primary this year, he/she **does not need to re-apply** for Grade 8 at the High School as this is an automatic process.

I would like to remind you of our **5-Year celebration fun run/walk** which will be hosted by our primary school. Please contact [Tania.c@curro.co.za](mailto:Tania.c@curro.co.za) if you or any member of your family would like to enter the 5km fun run.

We have compiled a quarterly advertiser, the **Thatchfield Business Advertiser**, in which small businesses and service providers will be able to buy advertising space – **please see information on last page.**

We appeal to our parents to please not send your child to school with **R200 notes** as it makes it difficult for both the tuckshop as well as the finance office to give them change. Quite often learners go without food because the tuckshop cannot assist them.

With the **warmer weather** that we are experiencing, all learners should be neatly dressed in their summer uniform from **Monday, 3 September** - we will have a change-over period until the end of term. I would like to encourage learners (especially Grades 1 to 4) to purchase and wear their Curro wide-brim hat on hot sunny days.

As staff, we encourage engagement with our parents and will gladly assist wherever possible. Should you have any challenge, matter of heart, etc. remember that your first point of departure is your child's class teacher. Should you feel that the matter has not been resolved amicably, the grade head would be your next stop, thereafter the phase head, head of school and finally the executive head.

Curro Thatchfield is well-known for the huge impact we make when embarking on various **Outreach Projects**. This term our primary school wants to again reach out to those children who have been diagnosed and are suffering from cancer and will again take part in the **National Cupcake Day 4 Kids with Cancer**. For a donation of R20 your child will receive a cupcake and may also wear civvies to school **on Friday, 31 August**. All proceeds will go to Cupcakes 4 Kids with Cancer. Kindly note that participation in this outreach is voluntary. You may submit your child's R20 to his/her register teacher who will keep record accordingly. We are awaiting delivery of the **Judea Hope tins**, and as soon as we've received these they will be distributed to our learners. I know that our parents will once again not disappoint with their overwhelming support.

Have you had an experience with a **teacher** at school who really went the **extra mile** or did something extraordinary? Please do not hesitate to send us an email ([compliments.thatchfield@curro.co.za](mailto:compliments.thatchfield@curro.co.za)) and share this experience with us. **Complimenting a teacher** is always highly appreciated, and I would like to personally commend teachers for helping us in making Curro Thatchfield, *The School of Choice*.

*Mrs Marlene Gerber*

## 2. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD CURRO CASTLE

Thank you to all our **grandparents** for taking time out of their busy schedules to come and make new memories with their grandchildren. It was a wonderful day - all our little ones enjoyed having you here.

**Traffic kids** visited the Castle on 15 and 16 August. They told all the learners about road signs and road safety. Each learner had the opportunity to ride a scooter or car as well.

We will be celebrating **Spring day** on Friday, 31 August. Information will follow in due course.

Thank you to our parents for your continued support and for trusting us to take care of your little ones.

*Mrs Sonette Pretorius*

### 3. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF RECEPTION PHASE

Our **anti-bullying campaign** is off to a good start. We would welcome it if our parents would have informal conversations with their child/ren on what bullying is and what they have learnt from the campaign at school.

Have you seen the **glass notice board** at our main gate? Please take a minute to notice the “**Theme of the week**” and discuss this with your child at home. Parent involvement is a huge contributing factor in developing a child’s general knowledge.

Thank you so very much to all our grandparents who visited us on our **Grandparents day**. So many drove and flew from afar to take part in this memorable event. We even had a grandfather who flew in from the DRC – this certainly wanted to be done! We appreciated and valued every single effort made and great fun was had by all.

On 15 August we had a **five-year birthday celebration** in honour of our school. The learners spoilt our school with a gift in the form of a story book for our library. Thank you to all our parents for all the beautiful books received.

Spring is in the air! Please remember our **garden/planting day** on **Friday, 7 September**.

Keep well

*Mrs Sonette Kotze*

### 4. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our **soccer, cricket, hockey, cross-country and tennis** teams are practising hard and we look forward to a successful term.

Our **educational excursions** will take place over the next two months – see *Dates to Diarise*. **Kindly note that should indemnity forms not be returned timeously a learner will not be permitted to attend the excursion.** Please be reminded that our learners need to be “SMART” Curro Kids when going on these excursions as they are ambassadors of our school.

Our **Grade 3 learners** have returned safely from their adventure camp that took place at **Thaba Morula** and I am sure they had a most enjoyable time!

Please note that an important **Veld school** information meeting will take place for **Gr 7 parents** on **30 August at 17:30 for 18:00** in the Primary School Hall. Unfortunately, only the first 90 learners will be accommodated at the camp which will take place from **15 to 19 October**.

If you haven't already entered the **5km fun run/walk** on **1 September** in celebration of our 5-year anniversary, we ask that you please contact Mrs Tania Conradie on [tania.c@curro.co.za](mailto:tania.c@curro.co.za). If you would like to rent a stall for R350, please contact Mrs Jo-ani Enslin on [jo-ani.e@curro.co.za](mailto:jo-ani.e@curro.co.za). Also, a reminder that tickets for the giant inflatables, carousel, games, pony rides, etc are available from your child's class teacher – R70 learner/adult. Please remember to bring swim suits and towels. Limited parking will be available on the school grounds at R10 per vehicle.

During September we'll be **celebrating our heritage** and our learners will once again have the opportunity to wear their cultural dress to school. Further information will follow in due course.

The **Gr 6 Leadership Camp** at Camp Discovery will be held from **13 to 19 October**. Details of the camp have already been communicated to our Grade 6 learners and parents. Please return the reply slips asap in order to secure your child's place on the camp.

We would like to thank all our parents for your continued support.

Be blessed...

*Mr Mark Cloete*

## 5. FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF HIGH SCHOOL

We are nearing the end of Term 3 - how time flies when you are having fun!

Our learners are taking part in **various activities** and enjoying every moment of it. As we speak, we have soccer teams playing in leagues, the Centurion Arts festival has started, we have donated blood and have had our Grade 10 outreach to an orphanage.

On a more serious note, our **Matrics** are will start their Trial examination on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> August. I want to encourage our parents to please assist their children in this time and best of luck to both learners and parents.

Our annual soccer festival took place over the past weekend and the players from all schools displayed excellent skills and good sportsmanship. Thank you to all those who came and support.

*Mr Danie van Schaik*

## 6. PARENT-to-PARENT BLOG (PAC)

### General

I am happy to report that we have established a new PAC and the details of members will soon be sent to all our parents. Members have committed themselves to add value to the school and to assist in forming positive relations between the school and parents. Each one of them has been assigned to a grade and they will be the liaison person for that specific grade. You are invited to come and meet your new PAC-members on Saturday 1 September at our Fun Day.

These parents are:

Ms Lesego Rodise, Mr Leshilo Mohau, Mrs Yashina Maharaj, Mr Jay Shanand, Mrs. Silindile Makhathini, Ms Thuli Manzini, Mrs Josephine Dambudzu, Mrs. Dieketseng Diale, Mr Tshidiso and Mrs. Althea Seoposengwe.

Ms Thuli Manzini was elected chairperson and Mrs Seoposengwe the scribe. Good luck to all these parents, and thank you for your commitment towards Curro Thatchfield, its' learners, parents and the community.

*Parent Advisory Council*

## 7. DATES TO DIARISE

Please take note of the following important dates:

Date	Activity	High school	Primary school
28 August	Gr 7 Panarottis evening		X
30 August	Gr 6 Excursion – Forest Hill ice rink and pizza Gr 7 Excursion - Croc City Farming Gr 7 Veldschool meeting at 17:30 for 18:00		X
31 August	Entrepreneurs day Cupcakes 4 Kids with Cancer	X	X
1 September	5 Year Celebration/Fun Run/Walk		X
9 September	Gr 9 Outreach	X	
14 September	Gr 1 Excursion – The Farmyard		X
18- 20 September	Leadership camps	X	
21 September	School closes for Term3 Reports issued	X	X
9 October	School re-opens for Term 4	X	X

## 8. GENERAL

### Staff Matters

Congratulations to Mrs Nicoline Louw (now Mrs du Plessis) who tied the knot recently. We wish you many years of bliss in your marriage. Welcome to Mrs Maresa Potgieter (Grade 6) who has taken over from Mr Regardt Allers. We would like to say good-bye to Mrs Carol Purdon (Grade 3) and Mr Segoo Mokgothu (Grade 5) who will be leaving us and wish them well in their future endeavours. Mrs Candice Frank will join us in Mrs Purdon's place on 3 September. We look forward to her contribution to the Curro family.

### TAB (Thatchfield Activities Bulletin)

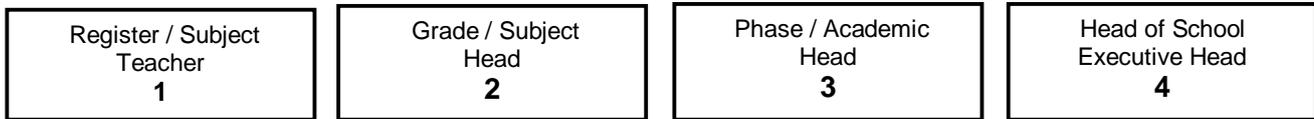
If you have not done so already, please visit our website and read our **TAB** (Thatchfield Activities Bulletin) which gives you wonderful insight into what we were busy with last term at each one of our schools. Follow the link below: <https://www.curro.co.za/gauteng/curro-thatchfield/thatchfield-activities-bulletin/>

### Outreach Projects

Our school has become well-known for our Community Outreach programmes which we run every term. Please support us in Term 3 where the Primary School will be filling up Judea Hope tins as well as Cupcakes for Cancer and the High School will be reaching out into the community, helping at the SPCA and visiting an orphanage.

## Communication Channels

In order for us to swiftly attend to your communication, kindly find the chain of communication below. It is advisable to address matters of a general nature with your child's register teacher and academic related matters to the Subject teacher.



## Parent Contact Details

We are currently checking the correctness of all parents' contact details. All learners have been issued with a printout indicating parent contact details. You were requested to please update and then return to school. If you have not done so yet, you are kindly requested to do so as soon as possible. There have been several occasions where the school urgently had to get hold of parents only to realise that the contact details on the system are outdated. Please be reminded that when you change work, relocate or change cell numbers that you need to inform the school accordingly. We continuously find that emails sent to given addresses bounce back and thus there is a breakdown in communication between school and parent.

## Learners on school premises after school hours

This is an on-going challenge where learners roam around the school until after 17:00. We really need our parents support in this regard as these learners get up to mischief. Kindly take note that all learners need to wait for their transport at the designated waiting areas and should not wander around between school buildings.

## Financial Matters

Parents' commitment to pay their children's school fees is crucial for the promotion of quality education in our country. Please plan for, and honour, this commitment. Parents **experiencing financial difficulty** in paying school fees should be responsible and bold enough to **approach the Executive Head** to discuss an acceptable payment plan to settle all outstanding fees.

**Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/CurroThatchfield/>

By visiting our Curro Thatchfield face book page regularly you will stay up to date with all the activities that are taking place on our Campus. Interesting articles and photos are posted regularly and you will be amazed to see how busy we are! We currently have 3 292 followers, and the challenge is to reach the 4 000 mark by the end of 2018. **Please don't forget to 'like' our posts** 😊

## Safety and Security

We again request our parents to **be vigilant at all times** and to double check that they have locked their vehicles, as car-jamming is a reality. A good habit is to lock your vehicle, walk a few steps and then return to check again. Also, make sure that all valuables are locked in the boot of your vehicle, and not left visible.

Parents are once again reminded that learners should **look after their belongings and take responsibility** for their tablets, schoolbags and school clothes. Too often learners report items as stolen, yet they have left their school bag **unattended at the waiting area** whilst they were playing.

## 9. IN CONCLUSION

Success is so often measured by 'where you live', 'what you drive' and 'how much you earn'. Do you realise that anyone or perhaps all of these can be lost in the wink of an eye? Does that then mean that you are immediately labelled as unsuccessful? I would like to leave you with the following poem on success:

### **Success**

To laugh often and much;  
To win the respect of the intelligent people and the affection of children;  
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;  
To find the best in others;  
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;  
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived;  
This is to have succeeded...  
- Author Unknown -

May you enjoy the rest of the Term!

Yours in Education



**MRS MARLENE GERBER  
EXECUTIVE HEAD**



*-through hard work great heights are achieved-*

## General Information - CTF

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Thatchfield Hills  
The Reeds  
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**P O Box 401**  
Celtis Ridge  
0130

### Website

[www.curro.co.za](http://www.curro.co.za)

### GPS Coordinates:

S 25° 54' 05.8". E 028° 06' 26.7"

### Phone

(012) 652-2906/8/10

### E-mail Addresses

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### Accounts

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[Marinda.f02@curro.co.za](mailto:Marinda.f02@curro.co.za)

### Sport – High School

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### Counsellor

Vacant

### Curro Banking Details

Name of Acc: Curro Thatchfield  
Bank: FNB  
Acc No: 623 5878 0403  
Branch Code: 250-655  
Reference: Family Code

Please note that school fees are due in advance on the 2nd of every month for 12 months (e.g. July school fees are payable on 2nd July)

**NB: A R150 payment allocation fine will be added to all accounts that do not use the family code as reference when making an EFT payment**

### Outside Providers

#### Grit Uniform Lounge

[info@gritprocurement.co.za](mailto:info@gritprocurement.co.za)

Located in the High School Admin Office

Mon to Thurs: 07:30-09:00 and 12:30-16:00

Fri: 12:30-14:00

#### Afro School Books

[ldreyer@afroschool.co.za](mailto:ldreyer@afroschool.co.za) or 011 708 6334

### Educational Support Team

#### Educational Psychologist

Elmarie Moss-Dormehl on 082 920 4929

#### Occupational Therapist

Karen Liebenberg on 083 651 0876

#### Speech Therapist

Liesl Turner on 072 124 7646

[Lieslturner@vodamail.co.za](mailto:Lieslturner@vodamail.co.za)

#### Play Therapist

Anita Potgieter on 084 632 1313

[anita.l.potgieter@gmail.com](mailto:anita.l.potgieter@gmail.com)

### If you think your child might suffer from depression contact

South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) 08:00 to 20:00  
0800 567 567 or 0800 205 026 or 0800 708 090 and 0800 121 314 or  
sms 31393 and they will call you back

### Urban Life Church Services on Sundays in the Primary School Hall @ 10:00

[danie@urbanlife.org.za](mailto:danie@urbanlife.org.za)

[www.urbanlife.org.za](http://www.urbanlife.org.za)

### 3C Ministries on Sundays in the High School Hall @ 08:00

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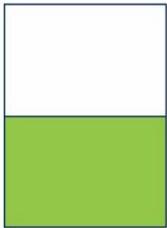
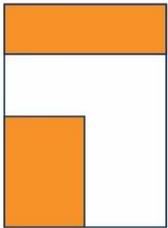
## Business Advertiser



### Your A – Z guide of LOCAL businesses

The Thatchfield Business Advertiser is an electronic mail that is disseminated to the parents and friends of Curro Thatchfield on the Monday before the end of each term.

This is an opportunity to advertise your business and/or service to the Curro Thatchfield family.

FULL PAGE	HALF PAGE (landscape)	QUARTER PAGE	EIGHTH OF A PAGE
			
297 mm x 210 mm	143 mm x 202 mm	Landscape: 69,5 mm x 202 mm Portrait: 142,5 mm x 99 mm	70 mm x 99 mm
R800	R450	R250	R125

\*All rates are inclusive of VAT

#### Requirements:

- advertisements to be supplied electronically;
- high resolution PDF for pre-press and text converted to curves, 100% sized (bleed 5 mm all around) OR
- high resolution JPEG files (no less than 300 dpi).

Issue	Material deadlines	Distribution dates
TBA 1 2018	3 September	17 September
TBA 2 2018	29 November	10 December



To advertise, contact Ilse Meiring at [ilse.m01@curro.co.za](mailto:ilse.m01@curro.co.za).

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#### Banking details

Name of Acc: Curro Thatchfield  
 Bank: FNB  
 Acc No: 623 5878 0403  
 Branch Code: 250-655  
 Reference: Advert/Name of business

**Send an email including proof of payment to [ilse.m01](mailto:ilse.m01) to secure your space.**